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agencies that have a proven track record for economy as well as quality of program? Now as of January of this year, DSS had accumulated \$414,000 in surplus CSBG funds. Those funds could have been distributed to agencies for the delivery of badly needed social services. I urge your support of the 92 percent proposal, rejection of the committee amendments to avoid future accumulation of these funds. The state will still be entitled to 5 percent for administrative expenses and will still have 3 percent of those funds for discretionary or emergency expenditures. The 92 percent allocation will ensure that Nebraskans receive the best buy for their federal tax dollars and it still retains for the state the flexibility they need. The committee amendments should be rejected. Thank you, sir.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely, did you wish to close on the committee amendments?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, again, Mr. Speaker, members, what we are trying to do is recognize for the first time in statutes, community action agencies, 90 percent is the minimum that we should send back. The Department of Social Services is looking at some competitive programs to encourage innovative approaches by community action agencies. They had bid out for some of this money. It sounded like an interesting concept and I think that is why the committee amendment was adopted. I ask your support for the committee amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted that care to? We are voting on the adoption of the committee amendments. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 9 ayes, 20 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments to 913.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The committee amendments are not adopted. Do you have anything else on the bill, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Not at this time.